

SENATE BILL 336

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By: **Senator Stone**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transition of Developmentally Disabled Youth from Foster Care – Required**
3 **Workgroup and Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the
5 Social Services Administration to convene a certain workgroup; requiring the
6 workgroup to include certain persons and examine certain methods; requiring
7 the Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Social Services
8 Administration to report the findings of the workgroup to the General Assembly
9 on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the transition of
10 developmentally disabled youth from foster care.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Developmental Disabilities Administration in the Department of
14 Health and Mental Hygiene and the Social Services Administration in the Department
15 of Human Resources shall convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders to examine:

16 (1) methods to ensure a smooth transition of developmentally disabled
17 youth from foster care to receiving services through the Developmental Disabilities
18 Administration at age 21; and

19 (2) methods to ensure that developmentally disabled youth who age
20 out of the foster care system receive a prompt evaluation for services from the
21 Developmental Disabilities Administration.

22 (b) The workgroup required under this section shall include foster parents of
23 children who have transitioned or who are in the process of transitioning from
24 receiving services through the Department of Human Resources to receiving services
25 through the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) On or before December 1, 2011, the Developmental Disabilities
2 Administration and the Social Services Administration shall report, in accordance
3 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the findings of the workgroup to the
4 General Assembly.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2011.